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Examiner: Árpád Fábián Kovács

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are also enclosed.

This statement is being filed after a final Office action and concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is thus timely filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(4). A copy of the Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206 Communication relating to the results of the partial international search dated, November 13, 2001, is also enclosed.

International Publication No. WO 98/41081 is a French application with an abstract in English. The Search Results and abstract are submitted to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3).

No representation is made that any of the references are "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. Moreover, any explanations herein are not to be taken as a representation that the references have been thoroughly reviewed. In particular, no representation as to the relative relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the references and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, please contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other

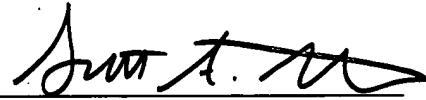
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